

Mansfield Public Schools

Board of Education Update

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November 2008

Information regarding the current status of the Mansfield Public Schools: items, issues, challenges, and opportunities district staff addressed during the month, as well as upcoming district and school events.

Enrollment

Grade	GW	SE	VN	Grade	MMS	District
PreK	20	21	22	5	141	
K	40	42	35	6	143	
1	35	44	50	7	137	
2	32	50	49	8	160	
3	36	51	49			
4	38	39	45			
# Boys	109	126	134		302	
# Girls	92	121	166		279	
Total	201	247	250		581	1278

- Homeschool year to date total: 5 families with 10 students.

	GW	SE	VN	MMS	District
Immigrant Children*	5	3	2	3	13
ELL**	8	4	3	7	22

*Eligible immigrant children are defined as a) ages 3-21 enrolled full-time in school, b) not born in any state, c) have not been attending 1 or more schools in 1 or more states for more than 3 full academic years.

**English Language Learners

Budget

- Administered account for additional supplemental instruction that will be held outside the regular school day.
- Food Service Comparison:

Aug./Sept./Oct./Nov. 2007-2008		Aug./Sept./Oct./Nov. 2008-2009	
Paid Meals	Total Meals	Paid Meals	Total Meals
33,534	45,736	32,852	47,381

Personnel

	Certified	Non-Certified
Retirements	0	0
Resignations	0	0
Requests for Leave	0	0
New Hires	0	0

- Awaiting ratification of agreement with SEIU.
- Held Prevention of Sexual Harassment in the Workplace training for supervisors and other appropriate staff.

Connecticut Mastery Test – Fourth Generation Results

#/% of students at/above goal

Grade	Math	Writing	Reading	Science
3 – 122	96/78.7%	95/77.9%	83/68%	-----
4 – 132	92/69.7%	95/73.1%	89/68.5%	-----
5 – 141	115/81.6%	116/84.1%	109/77.3%	121/85.8%
6 – 136	103/75.7%	92/67.6%	106/78.5%	-----
7 – 159	126/79.7%	125/78.6%	135/86%	-----
8 – 150	150/74.5%	119/78.5%	125/83.9%	127/84.7%

- Received 2006-2007 District Annual Performance Reports & Determination regarding Special Education Services
- Reviewed final No Child Left Behind (NCLB) reports that indicated all individual schools received Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) but the district as a whole did not reach AYP for two sub-groups.
 - Special Education – Reading & Mathematics
 - Free/Reduced Lunch – Reading
- Students not reaching goal in one or more areas: (current grade)

Gr. 4 – 51/41%	Gr. 7 – 59/43.4%
Gr. 5 – 64/48.5%	Gr. 8 – 49/30.6%
Gr. 6 – 49/34.8%	Gr. 9 – 37/30%

District: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Including Instructional Technology Applications

- Conducted building Level Tier I, II, III meetings
- Conducted third meeting of Response to Intervention/Scientific Research-Based Interventions (RTI/SRBI) district committee.
- Initiated curriculum evaluations in Math, PE, Music, FCS, and IT with Ashford, Willington, & Region 19.
- Continued work on ED 165 report for 2008-2009 (Strategic School Profile).
- Developed specific Fall K-4 Reading, Writing, and Mathematics expectations.
- Initiated Study Island software program for all district grade 3 and 4 students to use both at school and at home as the result of a Liberty Bank Grant.
- Presented District Testing Report.
- Presented SSP 2007-2008.
- Presented AYP results.
- Initiated discussion with Dr. Margie Gillis from Haskins Laboratory with Administrative Council, Literacy Coach, and Consultants.
- Initiated review of district wellness policy feedback from St. Dept. of Education with district wellness committee.

Policies

- Updated MBOE Policies and Administrative Regulations were posted on the MBOE website.

Building and Grounds

- Conducted workshop with Building Committee, Board of Education, and Town Council regarding Four School Building Project.
- Awaiting resolution regarding rain leaking on occasion into Mansfield Middle School library.
- Completed relocation of Southeast refuse containers.
- Continued composting at all 4 schools.
- Continued delivery of Federal Surplus Food Program to all four schools.
- Developed timetable with Building Committee regarding the rebidding of the MMS fuel conversion project with options.

Programs

November 2008	MMS	GW	SE	VN	Total
Parent Conferences	193	175	209	210	787

- Initiated Enhancing Student Achievement Program.

Sch.	Gr.	Activity Name	# Served
GW	1-2	Writer's Workshop	8-10
GW	3-4	On-Line Literary Magazine	8-10
GW	1-2	Crazy for Games	8-10
GW	3-4	Crazy for Games	14
SE	4	Early Starts w/ LA Program	6
SE	3-4	Fall Writing Academy	12
SE	3-4	Math Academy	12
MMS	5-8	ALEKS for Math Remediation	82

Communication

- Held monthly meetings with bargaining unit leaders.
- Disseminated Administrative Council minutes to all staff.
- Conducted third Technology Committee 08-09 meeting via video conferencing from all 4 school locations.
- Conducted second Professional Development Steering Committee meeting.
- Met with Tri-Town Superintendents (Ashford, Willington, and Region 19) regarding reading enrichment.
- Spoke with Doreen Fuller, Windham Public Schools Superintendent regarding request to allow students from Windham to attend Mansfield Public Schools.
- Spoke with Bob Dubos, 1st Selectman regarding the feasibility of Chaplin 7th and 8th grade students attending Mansfield Middle School at a future date.

Security

- A review of building security was conducted by Dept. of Homeland Security staff member.
- Submitted security grant to Dept. of Homeland Security.

Professional Development

- Held first winter meeting of professional learning communities for 141 certified staff in 13 course offerings.
- Conducted training in *Bridges in Mathematics*.
- Conducted six hours of Healthmaster training for nurses.

Technology

Administrative Applications

- Continued work on creating a district curriculum web page.
- Continued set-up & training of automated system for recording substitutes.
- Implemented spread sheet submission of fall language arts assessments.
- Continued review of library system software.

Energy

- Provided building level data regarding energy usage.
- Implemented school building energy committees.
- Implemented new guidelines for after school building use in an effort to reduce energy consumption.

Other

- Participated in November meeting(s) of Blueprint for Mansfield's Children Leadership Work Group, also participated in the Results Based Accountability (RBA) Institute with selected members from the Leadership Work Group.
- Attended one Neag School Assessment Colloquium.
- Attended State Teacher of Year Celebration.
- Attended University Region Superintendent's Association (URSA) meeting.
- Hosted first Bus Drivers' breakfast at the the Track Nine Diner.

Additional information will be provided upon request by calling 429.3350 or by emailing mboesupt@mansfieldct.org.

Upcoming Events in December:

Please join us at any/all of these events

GW	SE	VN
Seasonal Music Concert Gr. 1/2 12/9/08 1:15pm and 7:00pm	Sirius Coyote Assembly 12/18/08 2:00pm	Kindergarten FT-Mansfield Nursing/Rehab 12/9/08
Town Meeting 12/16/08 1:15pm		Celebrate Vinton Assembly 12/18/08
MMS		
Chamber Choir-Senior Center 12/3/08	Winter Band Concert 12/10/08 7:00pm	Band Assembly 12/11/08 9:00am
Winter Orchestra/Choral Concert 12/17/08 6:30pm	Orchestra/Choral Assembly 12/18/08 1:00pm	
District		
Building Committee 12/10/08 5:00pm	BOE Meeting 12/11/08 7:30pm	Winter Vacation 12/24/08-1/2/09

School Newsletters:

Attached are the most recent school newsletters from Southeast and Vinton Schools.

Communication:

Attached is a letter from Jeff Cryan to parents regarding student effort.